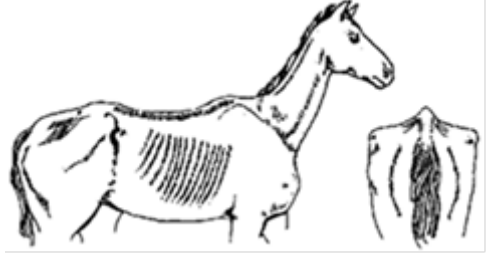






# Body Condition Scoring and Weight Estimation in Horses

The target is a body condition of score 3. In most cases, a score within the range 2.5 to 4 is fine.

<p><b>0 Very Poor</b></p> <p>Very sunken rump, deep cavity under tail, skin tight over bones, very prominent backbone &amp; pelvis and marked ewe neck.</p>	
<p><b>1 Poor</b></p> <p>Sunken rump, cavity under tail, ribs easily visible, prominent backbone &amp; croup, ewe neck – narrow &amp; slack.</p>	
<p><b>2 Moderate</b></p> <p>Flat rump either side of backbone, ribs just visible, narrow but firm neck &amp; backbone well covered.</p>	
<p><b>3. Good</b></p> <p>Rounded rump, ribs just covered but easily felt and no crest, firm neck.</p>	
<p><b>4. Fat</b></p> <p>Rump well rounded, gutter along back, ribs and pelvis hard to feel and slight crest.</p>	
<p><b>5. Very Fat</b></p> <p>Very bulging rump, deep gutter along back, ribs buried, marked crest fold and lumps of fat.</p>	